

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

*Civil Writ Petition No.22656 of 2011*

*Date of Decision : December 07, 2011.*

Public Information Officer and another .....*Petitioners*

versus

Sanjay Kumar Mishra and another .....*Respondents*

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

Present : Mr.Girish Agnihotri, Senior Advocate, with  
Mr.Arvind Seth, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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- 1. Whether Reporters of Local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?*
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

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*Surya Kant, J.* (Oral)

The Public Information Officer and the Chief Information Commissioner of the State Information Commission, Punjab, are aggrieved by an order dated 24.11.2011 (Annexure P-10) passed by the District Consumers Disputes Redressal Forum, Chandigarh whereby an application moved on behalf of the petitioners to decide the issue of jurisdiction as preliminary issue has been disposed of after observing that the main case itself is ripe for final disposal and the preliminary issue shall also be decided with the main case.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners, I am of the considered view that though nothing precluded the District Consumers

Disputes Redressal Forum to decide the issue of jurisdiction as preliminary issue at the threshold, however, keeping in view the fact that the main case can also be disposed of finally, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Consumer Redressal Forum, Chandigarh that the issue of jurisdiction raised on behalf of the petitioners shall be specifically decided in the final order and in case the objection raised by the petitioners is not accepted, the direction, if any issued on merits, shall be kept in abeyance for a period of four weeks to enable the petitioners to agitate the issue of jurisdiction before an appropriate forum.

Ordered accordingly.

Dasti.

*December 07, 2011*

*Mohinder*

(SURYA KANT)  
JUDGE